

Sources for Presentation on Palestinian Human Rights

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Part One: Extent of Home Demolitions in Area C



The Daraghmeh family home in Khirbet Einun (Jordan Valley) before and after demolition on 20 Aug. 2015.
Photo: 'Aref Daraghmeh, B'Tselem. [Source](https://goo.gl/b2kkXh)

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What is Area C?

The Interim Agreements between Israel and the PLO (1995), divided the West Bank into three categories:

Area A includes all the Palestinian cities and most of the Palestinian population; controlled** by the Palestinian Authority.

Area B encompasses large rural areas; Israel controls security control; PA controls civil matters

Area C covers 60% of the West Bank; Israel has complete control.

[From "What is Area C" at B'Tselem](#)

**Since Area C dominates the entire West Bank, the Palestinian Authority is not independent of Israel.

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C for Control - Areas of the West Bank

Area C:

Full Israeli control of security

Israeli civilian control
of land issues

Restricted Palestinian building
and development

Settlement expansion

Vast exploitation of natural
resources to Israeli advantage

Population:

200,000 – 300,000 Palestinians
Approx. 380,000 Israeli Jewish
settlers*

Area A – Palestinian Authority control
Area B – Israeli security control
and Palestinian civilian control

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[Map from B'Tselem
Report: Acting the
Landlord.](#)

* I updated the
population numbers





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Information based on official Civil Administration data and observation by B'Tselem

[Details Here](#)



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Information supplied by the Civil Administration to Israeli NGO Bimkom under the Freedom of Information Act.

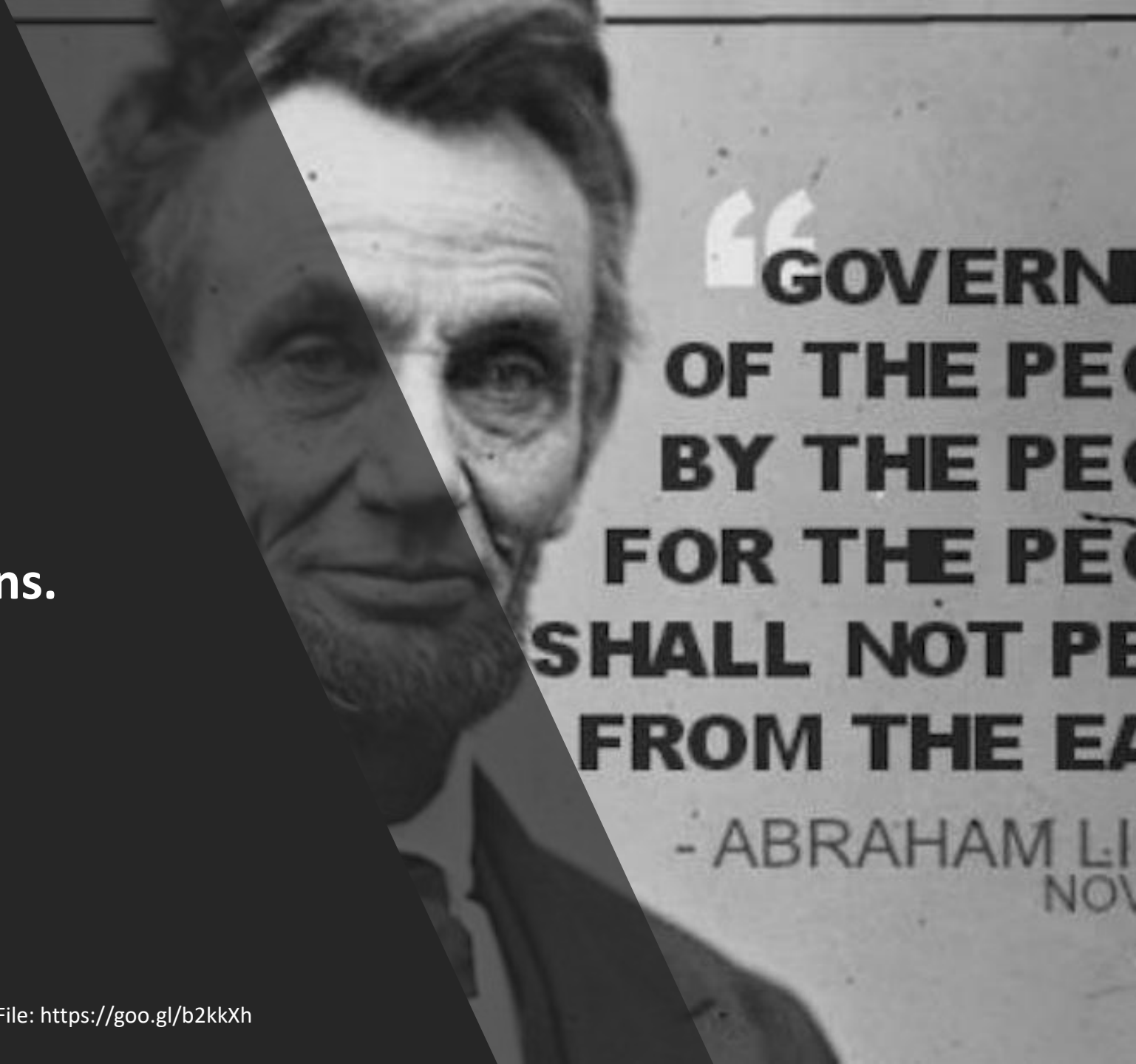
Analysis and presentation of Data:

- [Bimkom](#)
- UNOCHA [here](#) and [here](#)

Part Two:

**Government of Jews, by
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Massive Investment in Settlements

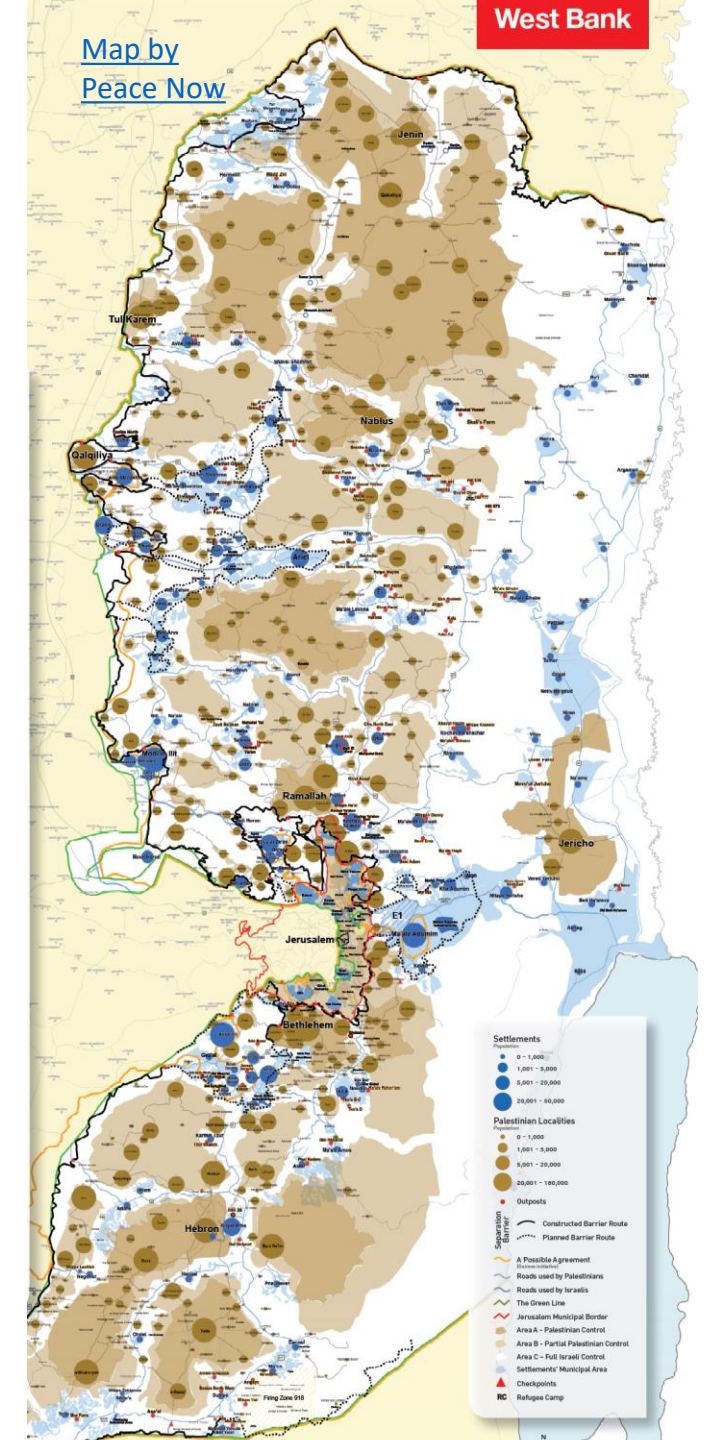
Approx. 380,000 Settlers

127 Settlements

Approx. 100 Outposts

[From B'Tselem's Statistics on Settlements and Settler Population](#)

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Restricting homes for Palestinians

Government Tenders for Housing Units for Jews Between 2002-2012

8,036

Building Permits Issued to Palestinians Between 2000-2012

212

Year	Tenders for Jews	Permits for Palestinians
2013	1,665	?
2014	2,359	9
2015	560	7

Estimation of future permits for Jews based on already approved plans: 30,000

Sources:

- Data on government tenders collected by [Peace Now](#) (only relates to 15 settlements)
- Estimated future permits based on [Peace Now's 2015 Settlement Report](#)
- Data on permits to Palestinians 2000-2012 released by Civil Administration to [B'tselem \(pg. 19\)](#).
- Data on permits to Palestinians in 2014-2015 released by Civil Administration to Bimkom (Bimkom architect Alon Cohen-Lifshitz published the data [here](#)).

Demolition Orders for Palestinians Largely on Private Palestinian Land

Data reported by Civil
Administration to [Bimkom](#).
Presentation by [UNOCHA](#).

Distribution by status of land

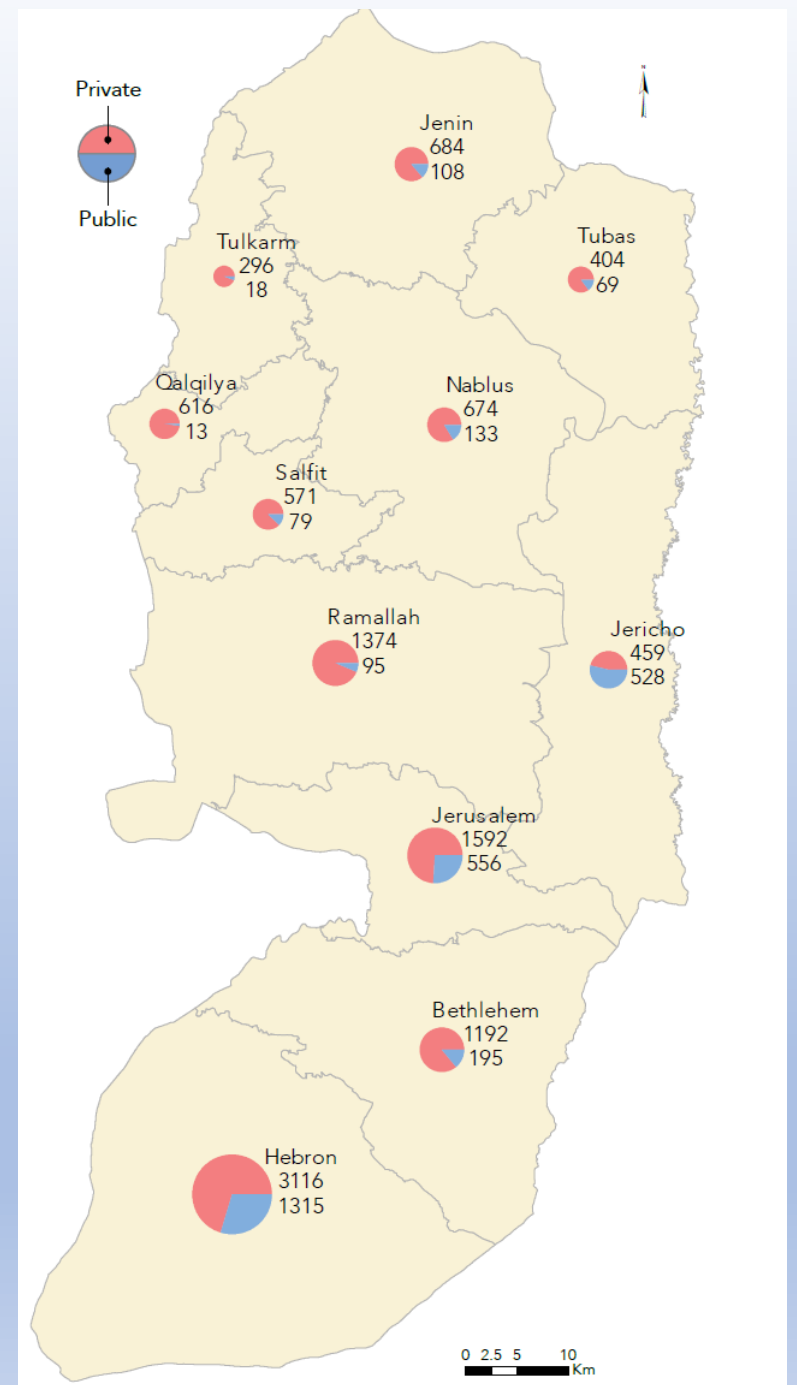
Approximately 77 per cent of the demolition orders issued by the ICA since 1988 target structures located on land recognized by the Israeli authorities as privately-owned Palestinian land, while the remaining 23 per cent apply to structures built on land designated as public (also known as "state") land.⁸

Given the private status of the land in the first category, it is possible to infer that the grounds for denying a building permit in this category is the absence of a planning scheme or "outline plan". Overall, less than one per cent of Area C (18,243 dunums) has a planning scheme approved by the ICA allowing for Palestinian development.⁹

[Text and Map: Under Threat by OCHA](#)

[Calculation of planned area for Palestinians by architect Elon Cohen-Lifshitz of Bimkom \(pg. 17\)](#)

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Since 1967,
Israel has
allocated only
0.7% of “public
land” to
Palestinians.

Source of Data:

Civil Administration

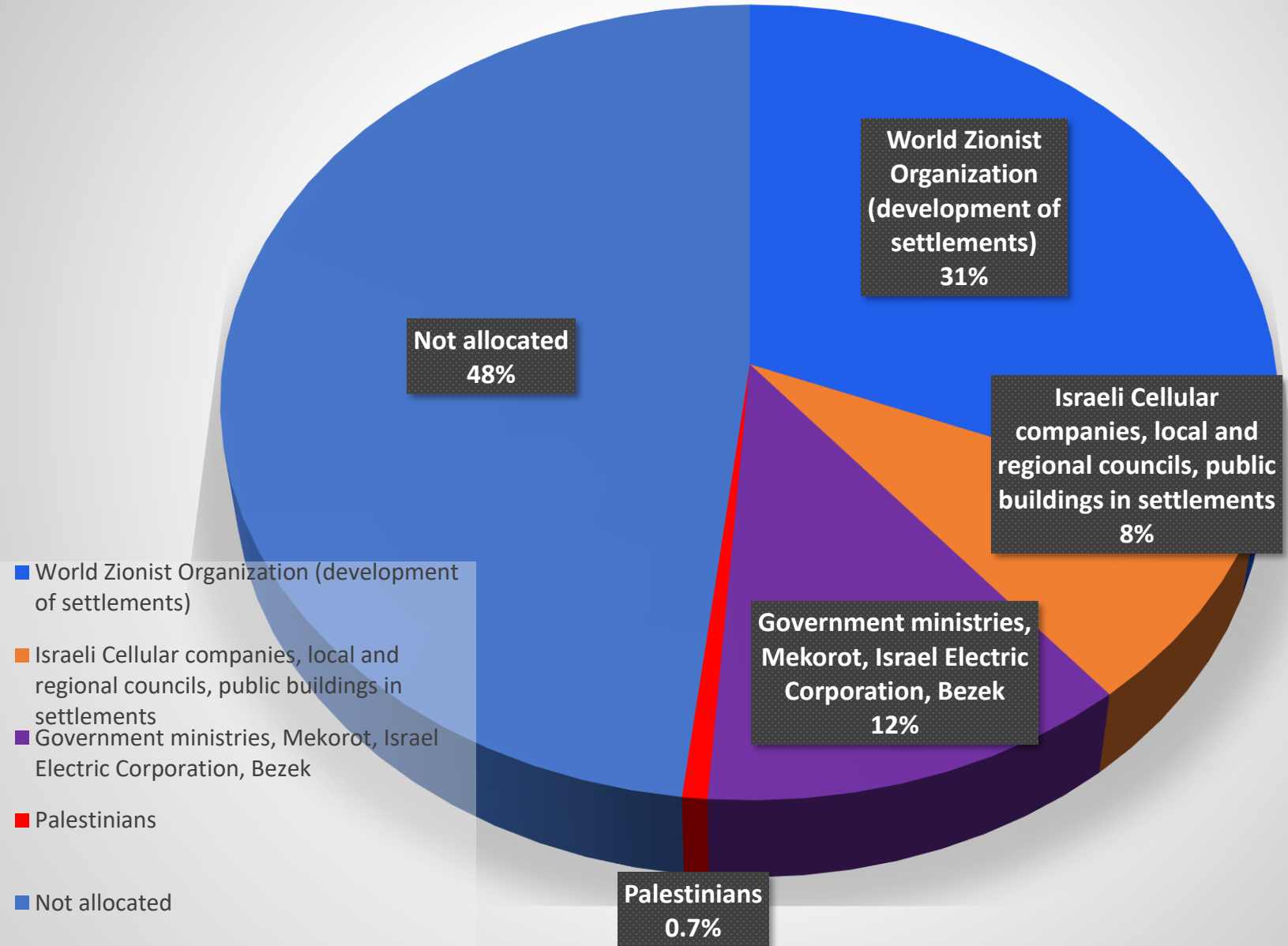
Released to [ACRI](#)

and Bimkom (Freedom of
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Allocation of Public Land



Jewish Settlements on Private Palestinian Land

Table 4: Area of the settlements by ownership (in dunams, with the percentage in parentheses)

"State land" within the built-up area	"State land" within the municipal area (not including regional council areas)	Survey land within the built-up area	Survey land within the municipal area (not including regional council areas)	Private Palestinian land within the built-up area	Private Palestinian land within the municipal area (not including regional council areas)
36,717 (66)	391,173 (75.2)	1,682 (3)	31,047 (5.9)	11,388 (21)	53,484 (10.3)

Note:
Determination of what is "private Palestinian land" by Israeli Civil Administration

The calculations are based on Civil Administration maps of 2004, which include layers of "state land" and survey land, and a Civil Administration map of 2006 with a layer of private Palestinian land, on which aerial photos of the settlements from 2009 were superimposed.

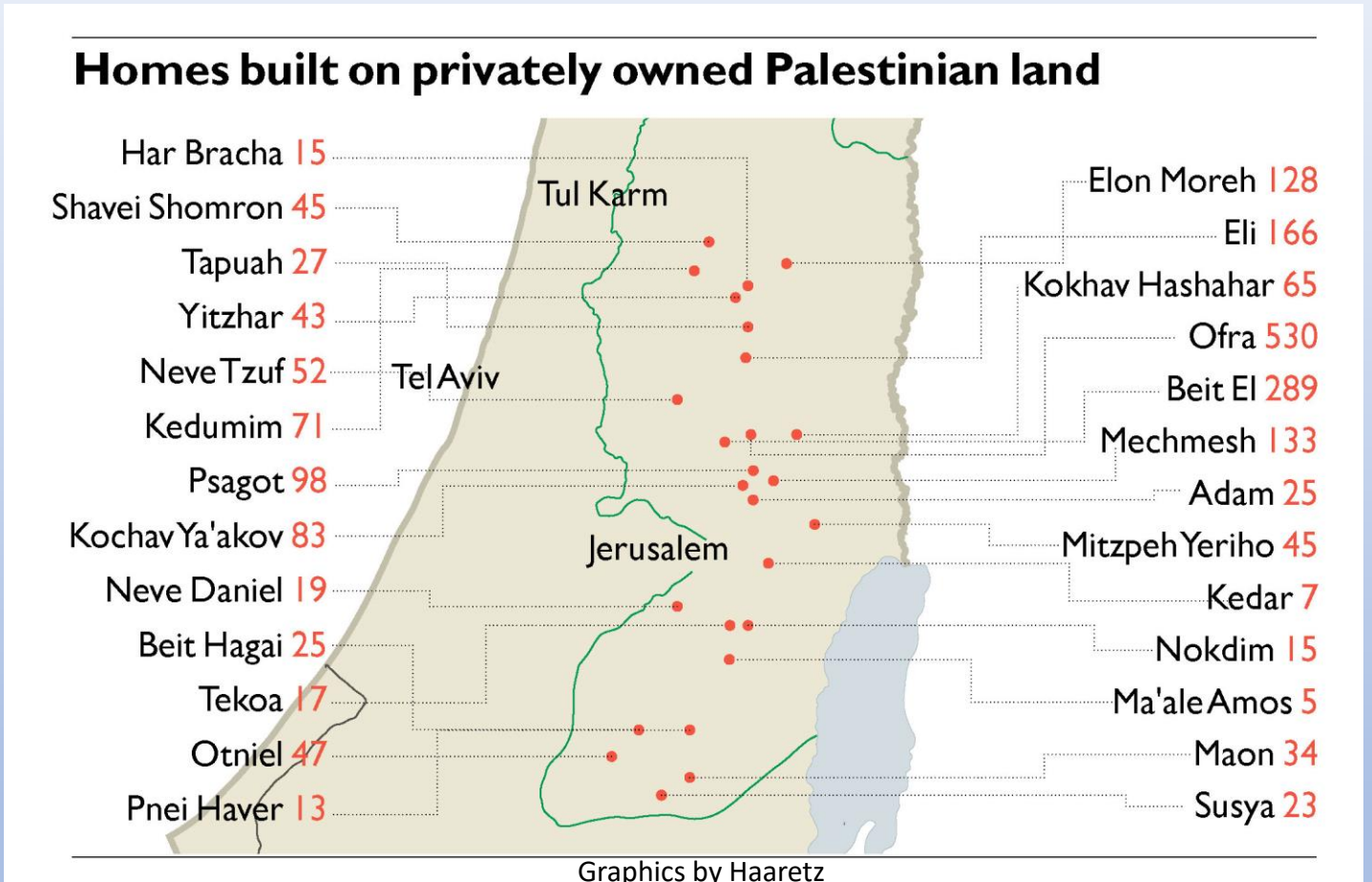
[Graph by B'Tselem](#)

Source: **By Hook or by Crook: Israeli Settlement Policy on the West Bank** ([B'Tselem](#), pg 35).

Right-Wing NGO Regavim Corroborates: Settlements on Private Palestinian Land

“Some **2,026** structures in the West Bank were built on privately owned Palestinian land, according to a study conducted by the right-wing organization Regavim and submitted to Knesset members ahead of deliberations on legislation aimed at expropriating land from Palestinian owners”

<http://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/1.654698>



In response to inquiries, Regavim issued a statement that read "it is irresponsible to publish data that appears in the report; any discussion on this **sensitive** issue should be conducted with appropriate **discretion** in the proper forum. Regavim has presented its stance on this issue to the officials relevant in finding a solution for the **complex situation** that has arisen in **these places**." (<http://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/1.654698>)

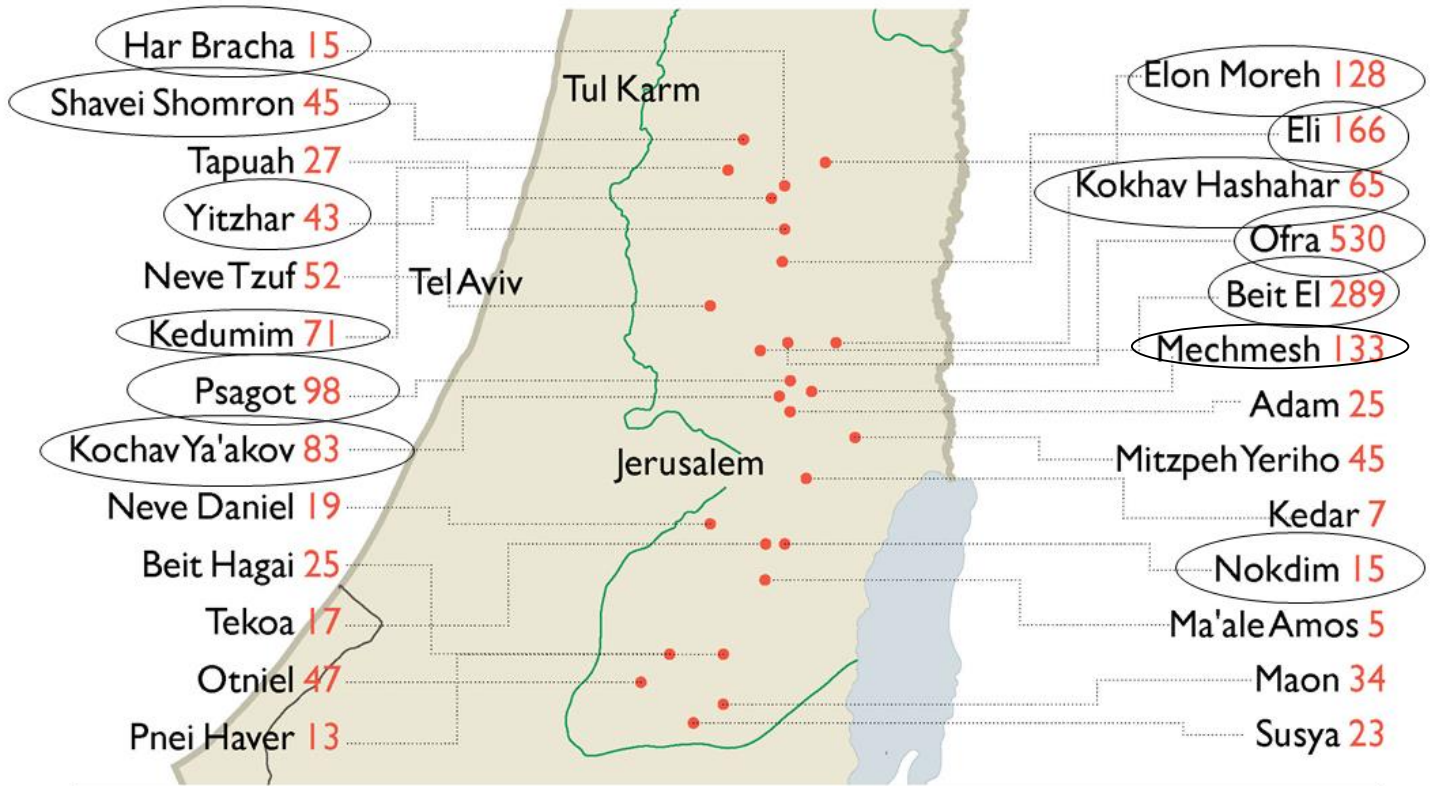
The Judea and Samaria Settlement Regulation [LEGALIZED DISPOSSESSION] Law

The law retroactively legalizes buildings (and possibly agriculture) on land *determined by the Civil Administration* to be private Palestinian land in 16 Jewish settlements (with option to add more).

**Jewish homes
to be
“legalized”:
2000¹ - 4000²**

**Palestinian
homes: 0**

Homes built on privately owned Palestinian land

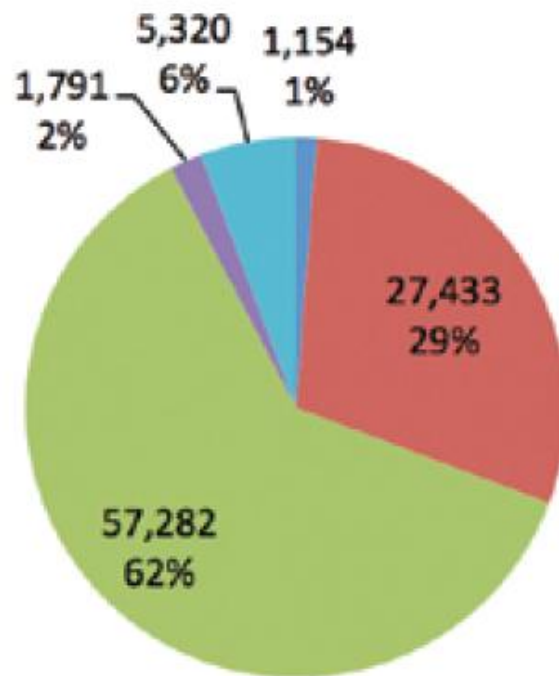


Jewish Agriculture on Private Palestinian Land

Note:
"Agriculture"
refers to Israeli
agriculture.

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■ Waqf

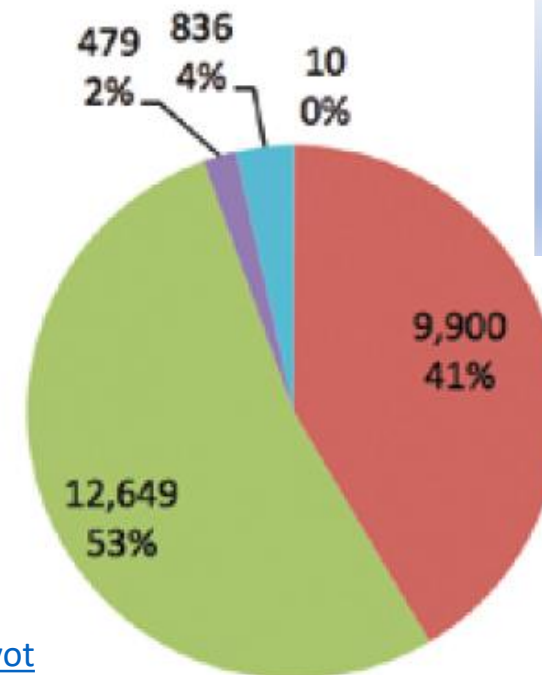
Agricultural Area by Ownership, 2012
(Dunam and Percentage)



Agricultural Area Added between 1997-2012
by Ownership (Dunam and Percentage)

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[Graphics by Kerem Navot](#)

Sources: Civil Administration data released to Kerem Navot under Freedom of Information between 2007 and 2012: [Naboth's Vinyard 2013](#).

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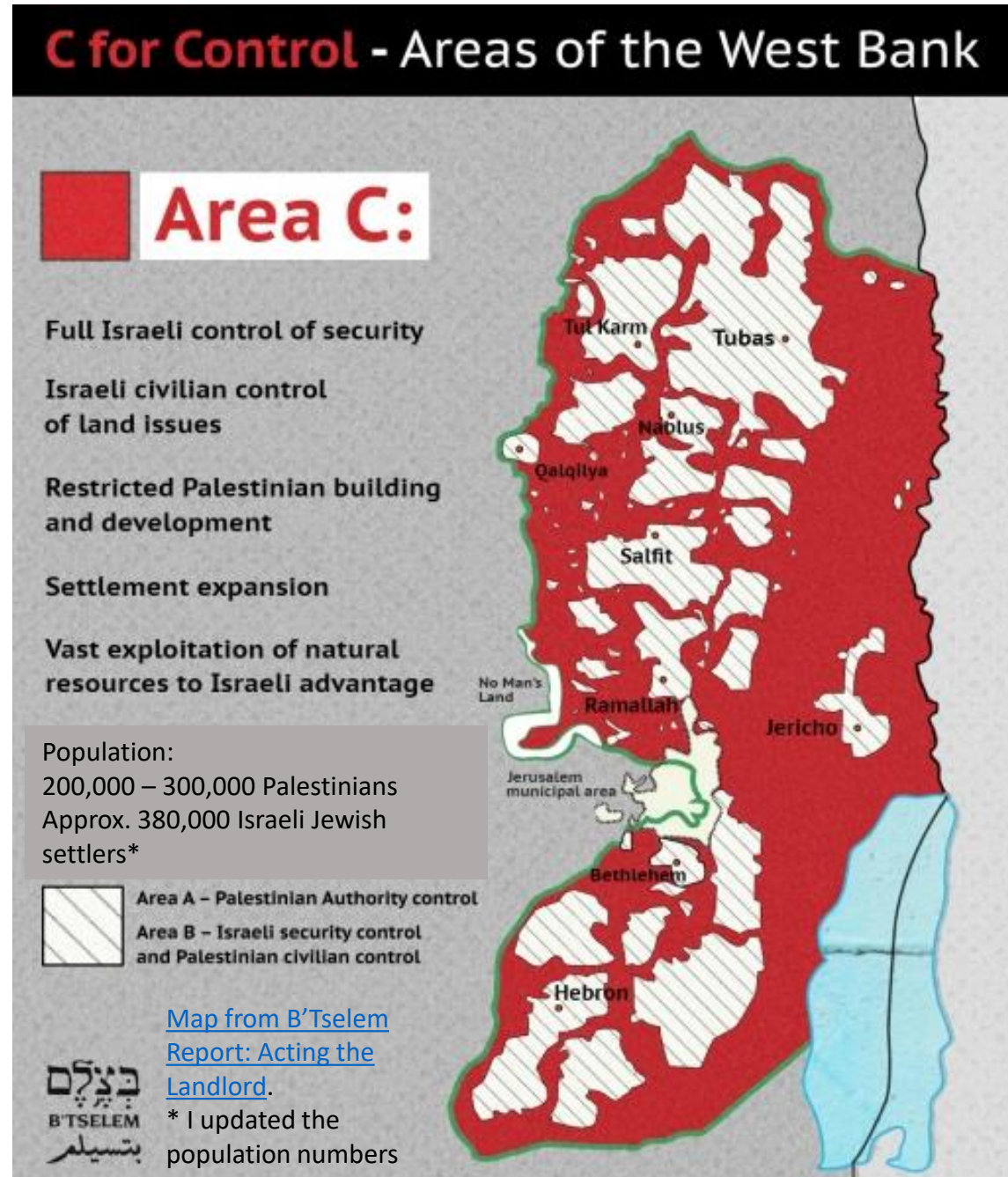
Area C

Impacts on all Palestinians

Area C is the only contiguous area on the West Bank.

Areas A and B are not independent. They are approx. 166 islands surrounded on all sides by Area C and are largely controlled by Israel. ¹

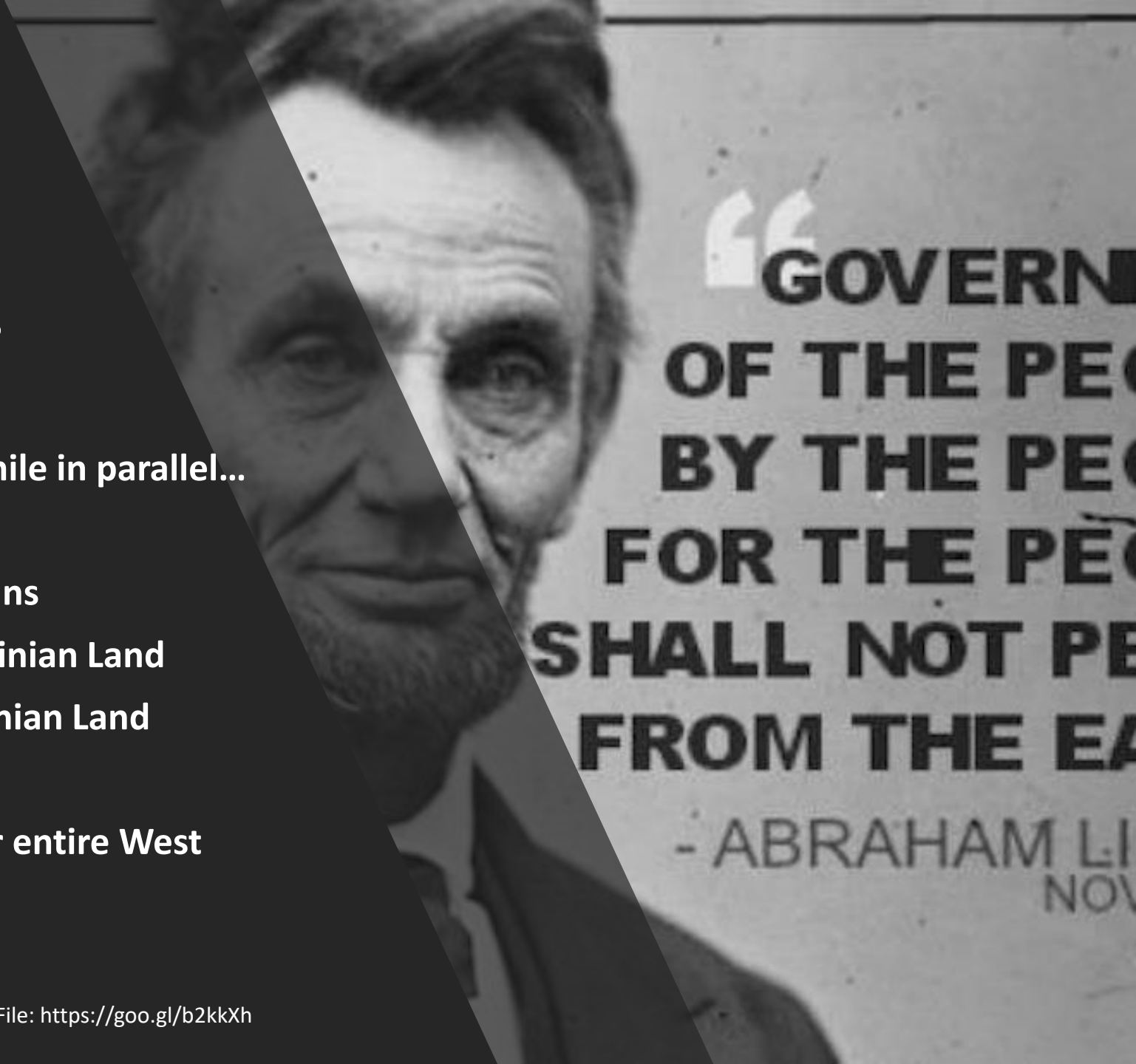
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SUMMARY

**Government of Jews,
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- 227 Jewish Settlements/Outposts while in parallel...
- Restricting Palestinian Building
- Public Land to Jews, not to Palestinians
- Jewish Settlements on Private Palestinian Land
- Jewish Agriculture on Private Palestinian Land
- Law Legalizing Dispossession
- Regime of Ethnic Discrimination over entire West Bank



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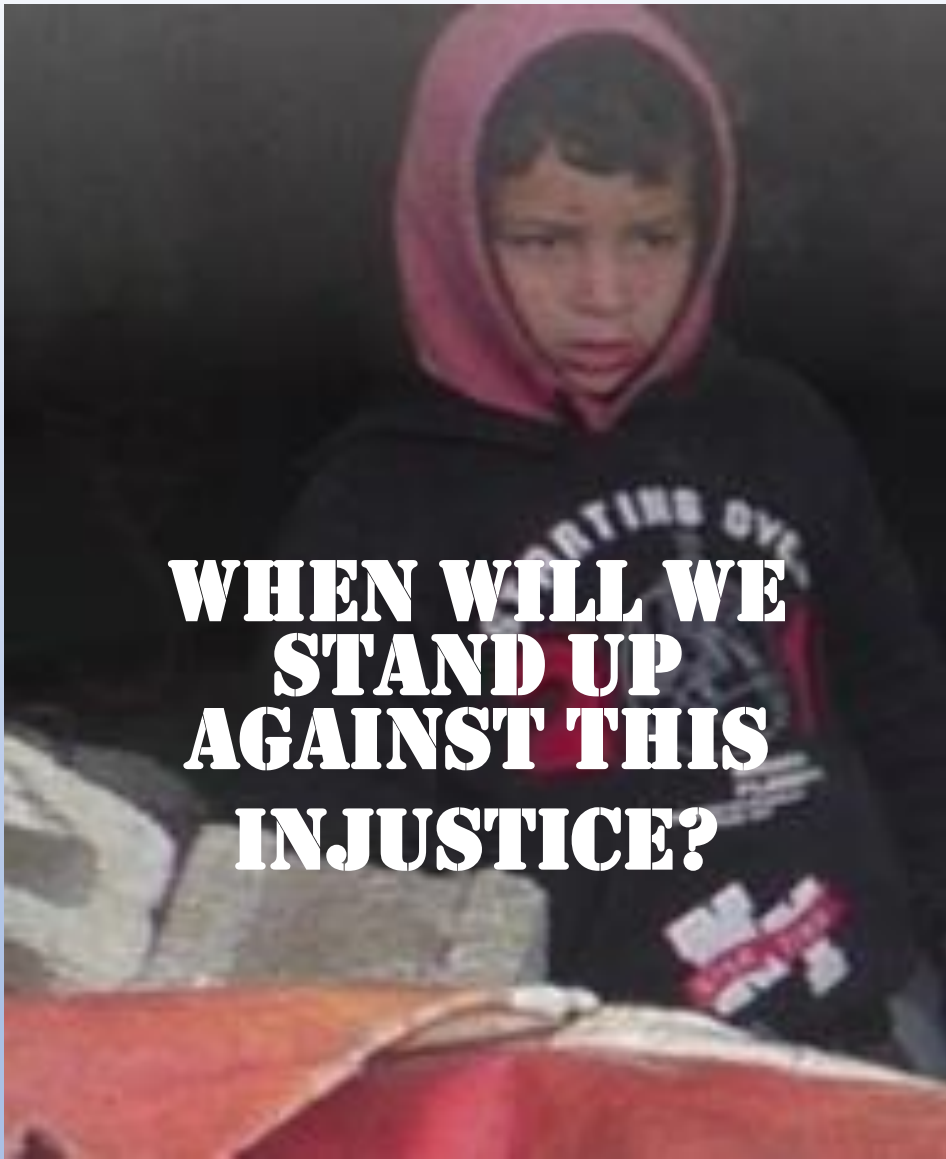
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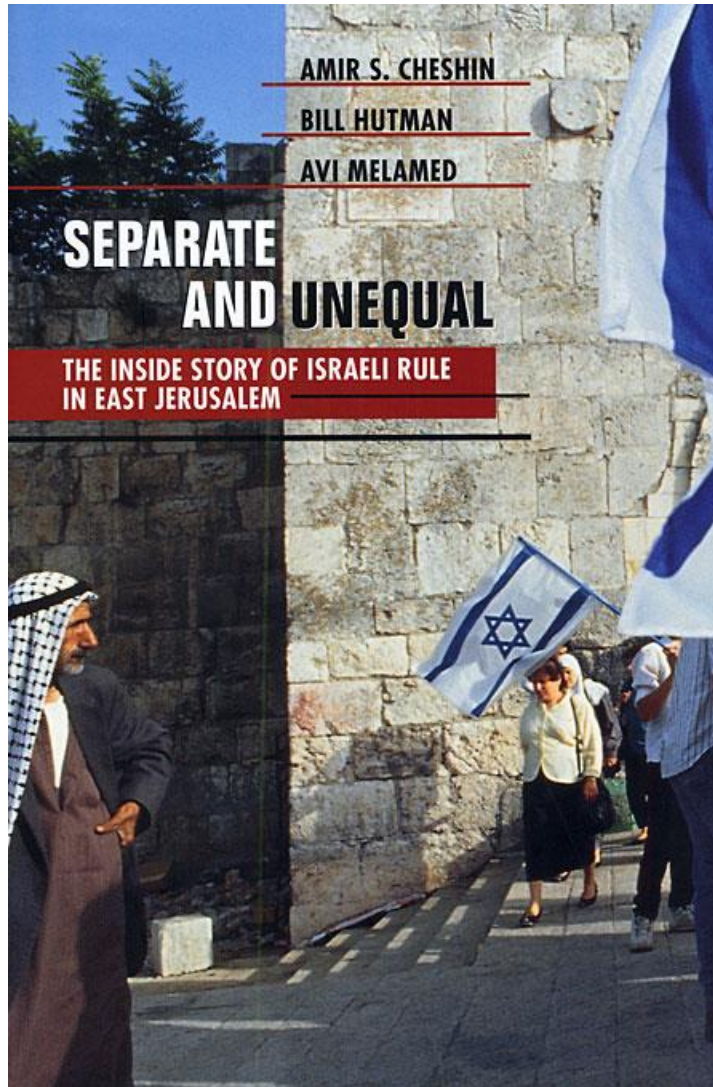
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Our policy of home demolitions violates the basic human rights of innocent people. But it is only one face of discrimination on the West Bank.



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